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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 1887

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW, TD)
SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TRIP TO THE CARIBBEAN

REF: STATE 155134

1. REPORTS OF POSSIBLE VISIT HERE BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAVE ALREADY STIMULATED GREATINTEREST IN THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO COMMUNITY. I AM FULLY CONFIDENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE MOST PLEASED TO WELCOME THE AMBASSADOR HERE IN AUGUST.

2. IF FEASIBLE, HOWEVER, WE PROPOSE REVERSING THE ORDER OF THE GUYANA AND TRINIDAD VISITS, SO THAT THE SEQUENCE WOULD BECOME: VENEZUELA, TRINIDAD, GUYANA, BARBADOS. THE REASON FOR THIS SUGGESTION IS SO THAT THE VISIT HERE WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY RATHER THAN FRIDAY. ALL FRIDAY AFTERNOON EACH WEEK IS TAKEN UP WITH PARLIAMENT MEETING. PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS INSISTS THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE CABINET ATTEND PARLIAMENT AND HE BROOKS NO EXCEPTIONS FOR ANY PURPOSE (EVEN FOR AMERICAN SECRETARIES OF STATE). THUS A FRIDAY VISIT WOULD REQUIRED ALL OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS TO BE SQUEEZED IN PRIOR TO NOON AND WOULD LIMIT GOVERNMENTAL ATTENDANCE AT A LUNCHEON EVENT.
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3. BASED ON A CHECK OF AIRLINE SCHEDULES, WE PRESUME AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD ARRIVE HERE ONE MORNING AND DEPART THE NEXT MORNING. ON THIS BASIS WE PROPOSE VISIT BE SHAPED AROUND THREE PRINCIPAL EVENTS, AS FOLLOWS:

A(A) HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATION -- MEETING WITH PRIME

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MINISTER WILLIAMS AND FOREIGN MINISTER DONALDSON.
(B) STATE LUNCHEON -- WE BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT
CLARKE WOULD WISH TO HOST A LUNCHEON BRINGING TOGETHER
ABOUT FORTY OF THE TOP MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT AND THE
COMMUNITY.
(C) PUBLIC SPEECH-- EMBASSY BELIEVES IT MOST
IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE A PUBLIC EVENT IN THE SCHEDULE,
AND SINCE THE SECRETARY WAS NOT ABLE TO FIT IN A PRESS
CONFERENCE DURING HIS RECENT VISIT THIS BECOMES EVEN
MORE IMPORTANT. WE HOPE AMBASSADOR YOUNG WILL CONSIDER
SPEAKING WHILE HERE. WE COULD ALSO ARRANGE FOR LIVE
TELEVISION COVERAGE. THE FOLLOWING THREE POSSIBILITIES
ARE OFFERED IN ORDER TO PRIORITY:
(1) SPONSOR: WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW ASSOCIATION
VENUE: PORT OF SPAIN TOWN HALL
(2) SPONSOR: UNIVERSITY OF WEST INDIES
VENUE: UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM
(3) SPONSOR: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
VENUE: PORT OF SPAIN TOWN HALL

4. ALTERNATIVES TO ABOVE SCENARIO COULD INCLUDE RECEPTION
INSTEAD OF LUNCHEON, BUT WE BELIEVE LUNCHEON AND PUBLIC
ADDRESS IN EVENING OFFER PREFERRED BOMBINATION. IF ORIGINAL
FRIDAY SCHEDULE IS ADHERED TO, HOWEVER, WE ANTICIPATE PRIME
MINISTER WILL WISH TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN THE
EVENING AFTER MEETING OF PARLIAMENT, THUS SERIOUSLY
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STRICTING PUBLIC EXPOSURE AND IMPACT OF THE VISIT.
NATURALLY, THESE PROPOSALS ARE ALL SUBJECT TO FURTHER
DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR FOX AND TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO GOVERNMENT.
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